

# Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center Mitchell State Park & Outdoor Skills Academy 2019 Events & Hunter Education



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# [School Field Trips Register Here](#)

## Hunter Safety Class 2019

- April 20th
- April 21st
- May 5th
- June 19th
- June 25th
- July 10th
- July 24th
- August 7th
- August 21<sup>st</sup>
- September 7<sup>th</sup>
- September 14<sup>th</sup>
- October 19<sup>th</sup>
- November 2nd

**Students Must be 10 years of age or older to take the class. You must register in person at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center. You need to bring Full Legal Name, DOB, and contact info to registration. There will be no switching or changing classes. If you are a no show or cancel under 7 days, you will not be allowed to attend another class at the HFC during the 2019 year you will have to wait until 2020. All classes are first come first serve. No over the phone reservations will be excepted. We do not mail books. You need to bring a lunch, pencil, and dress for the weather most of the class will be outdoors. If you have any questions, please call the HFC.**

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**The recreation passport is required for entry into both Mitchell State Park & Hunt & Fish**



# January

## Guided Snowshoe Night Hikes Friday Nights @ 6 pm

Join the Carl T. Johnson Center for our weekly snowshoe night hikes. Come each week and get some exercise or come try snowshoeing for the first time. We will have a camp fire and hot chocolate after you get back. Snowshoes are available first come first serve. Hikes will take place on a flat groomed trail. Dress properly for the weather. You may want to call ahead and make sure we have ample snow pack. (231) 779-1321. Hikes are free and open.

## Decoy Carving Thursday Nights @ 6pm

Learn to carve and paint your own fish decoys in the Cadillac style of carving. Class is taught by Al Nelson and Al Williams who learned how to carve from the great Oscar Peterson himself. Class is held every Thursday Night all fall and winter long. Classes start at 6pm. Some equipment is available for use. You may bring your own materials or a starter kit may be provided at cost of materials.

## Ice Fishing Class 6<sup>th</sup>

Classes will be held on select dates throughout January, February, and March (as conditions allow). Events and classes will vary so pre-registration is mandatory. All rods, bait, and some other gear is provided at no cost. Classes are for beginners to advance and for families or individuals.

## BSA Ice Fishing Event: January 26<sup>th</sup>

The CTJ Hunting and Fishing Center will host the DNR Outdoor Skills Academy's Ice Fishing Event & Hard Water School for Boy / Girl Scouts. This class will cover everything from how to set up equipment, how and where to fish, when to be out on the ice, ice safety, and rules & regulations. The main focus of this class will be techniques for pan fish. We will spend the first part of the day gearing up. and after we will hit the ice. Call to register and get more details.

## Rod Building <sup>OSA</sup>

This class will be held every Wednesday in January. Classes will run from 4pm-8pm. Pre-Registration is **required** prior to attending one of these classes. This class will teach you the basics of how to make your own fishing rod. The cost for building your own rod will vary based on rod type/style. Available rod styles range from; a custom ice rod, to casting rods, to building a Sage fly rod, or repurposing/fixing an old rod. To register for this class: Contact Edward Shaw at (231)-779-1321 or email [shawe@michigan.gov](mailto:shawe@michigan.gov) with "Rod Building" in the subject line



# February

**North American Snow Fest-** All events can be found on their website at [www.nasfcadillac.com](http://www.nasfcadillac.com)

The C.T.J. Hunting and Fishing Center will host the following during NASF. Call for details.

- Family Fishing
- Snowshoe/Hike
- Family winter games



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### **Guided Snowshoe Night Hikes Fridays Nights @ 6 pm**

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### **Free Fishing Weekend Ice Fishing Seminars & Youth Fishing Contest: February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Join Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-Staff at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center for an on the ice experience and learn how to ice fish. This is one weekend a year that a fishing license isn't required. We will have rods and other gear available for use. We will teach you the basics of how to target pan fish in the great north. We will cover how to use electronics to locate and catch fish (Vexilar Flashers). Tight lining, setting tip ups, and what tackle to use. Program will be from 12pm to 4pm. All students will need to dress properly for this outdoor event. We will meet at the Center for introductions and then hit the ice. Students will be broken into groups and will rotate through various stations. The cost for the program is FREE! [Registration is required](#) as seats are limited. All bait and materials are provided; however, you may bring your own gear if you have it.



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To register for this class: Contact Edward Shaw at shawe@michigan.gov

### **Fly Tying Wednesday Nights @ 7pm**

Learn how to tie flies with the local Trout Unlimited Pine River chapter and the Mackinaw Trail Fly Fishers. This class will be held Wednesday nights 7:00pm -9:00pm. You must register prior to attending please call John at (231) 775-3546 or email: [jmzak@att.net](mailto:jmzak@att.net). Class is free.



### **Decoy Carving Thursday Nights @ 6pm**

### **Ice Fishing Event "Hard Water School"<sup>OSA</sup>: February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

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## March

### **Free Ice Fishing Seminar and Youth Ice Fishing Derby:** **Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

See last page for details & sponsors.

### **Ice Fishing Classes 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Classes will be held on select dates throughout January, February, and March (as conditions allow). Events and classes will vary so pre-registration is mandatory. All rods, bait, and some other gear is provided at no cost. Classes are for beginners to advance and for families or individuals. Classes fill quickly so don't wait. Register Here



### **Steelhead Clinic <sup>OSA</sup>: March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center proudly hosts the DNR Outdoor Skills Academy's Steelhead Clinic. Class starts at 10am at the Hunting and Fishing Center. The Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-staff will be presenting various strategies and techniques for chasing Michigan's chrome torpedoes. Feel free to bring your own gear, if possible, or if you're new to steel-heading some equipment is available on a first come, first serve basis. The "hands on" portion of the clinic will be at the Hunt and Fish Center, then Sunday morning we will hit the water and show you how to fish and what to look for on the beautiful Manistee River. Visit [www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter](http://www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter) for more information/signup. Class Starts at 10:00 am sharp and will run about 7 hours. **The cost for this Class is \$40.00 Includes lunch, some tackle, and instruction.**

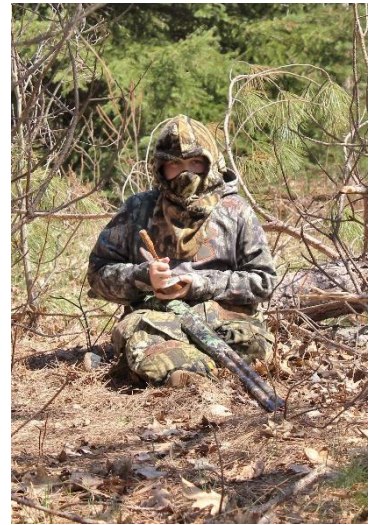
## **Turkey Hunting Clinic<sup>OSA</sup>: March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Join us at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center for the First Annual Outdoor Skills Academy Wild Turkey Clinic. This A-Z class on how to hunt wild turkeys will cover everything you need to know to get started turkey hunting. The class will cover how to find a location, scouting, calling, and gear to use. **The cost for this class is \$25.00 and will include lunch.** More Details to come

# **April**

## **Steelhead Seminar<sup>OSA</sup>: April 6<sup>th</sup> This is a one-day class only**

The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center proudly hosts the DNR Outdoor Skills Academy's Steelhead Seminar. Class starts at 10am at the Hunting and Fishing Center. The Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-staff will be presenting various strategies and techniques for chasing Michigan's chrome torpedoes. Feel free to bring your own gear, if possible, or if you're new to steelheading some equipment is available on a first come, first serve basis. The "hands on" portion of the clinic will be at the Hunt and Fish Center. Visit [www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter](http://www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter) for more information/signup. Class Starts at 10:00 am sharp and will run about 7 hours. **The cost for this Class is \$40.00 Includes lunch, some tackle, and instruction.**



## **Turkey Hunting clinic April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Join the HFC for our learn to Turkey Hunt Clinic. This class will go over law, habitat, gear, calling, and much more. students will walk away with the knowledge they need to hunt turkeys on their own. Class will include both indoor and outdoor sessions. Class will be held from 10am -3pm. Dress for the weather. Cost for the class is \$30.00 and includes lunch and door prizes.



## **A Day on the Water! (Walleye Clinic)<sup>OSA</sup>: April 14<sup>th</sup>**

This 3-4 hour class will go through how Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-Staffer Steve Berry and representatives from Fishbone Custom Lures spend their day chasing trophy walleye. This class will cover everything from which rod & reel to use, to how to use your electronics. DNR staff will be on hand to cover any rules and regulation questions you may have. Plus tips from a master taxidermist on how to care for your trophy fish when you catch it and want to have it mounted. **Cost for the class is \$25.00.** You can register for the class at [www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter](http://www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter)

## **Hunter Safety April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

You must come into the Hunting and Fishing center to register for hunter safety. **Cost for this class is \$10.00.** Class will run from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

## **Beginners Bass Fishing<sup>OSA</sup>: April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Bass Fishing for Beginners Clinic. Class starts at 10am at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center. The OSA Pro-Staff will be presenting various strategies and techniques for chasing Northern Michigan Bass. Feel

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free to bring your own gear. This clinic will cover a wide range of techniques for pursuing both Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass, but will focus on the use of various plastic presentations, including Texas Rigging, Carolina Rigging, Tube Jigs, etc. **Cost for this Class is \$25.00.** You can register for the class at [www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter](http://www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter)

## MAY

### Fly Fishing Clinic <sup>OSA:</sup> **May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Beginners Fly Fishing Clinic. Class starts at 10am at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center. The OSA Pro-Staff will be presenting the basics of Fly Fishing. Including demonstrations and instruction for various Fly Casts, instruction in Fly selection based on target species. Classroom session will last from 10am-2pm and after that class will move outside to the Canal for hands on portion of the class. **Cost for the Class is \$25.00.** You can register for the class at [www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter](http://www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter)

### Wildflower Photography Workshop by Tom Haxby May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Come learn how to shoot better photos from a world renowned photographer. This is a two day class will have both classroom and field experience. The class will go through how to set your camera, shoot photos, and edit photos.

We will start out by going over equipment and setting your camera up. We will than hit the road and take to the field to take photos of wildflowers and other wildlife we may come across. You will want to bring your camera and a laptop. Cost will be \$125.00, itinerary to be announced. Only 15 seats available.

### Food Plot Clinic <sup>OSA:</sup> **May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Join the HFC and Killer Food Plots to learn how to put in and better manage your property for Whitetail Deer. Class will Start at 9am and run about 8 hours give or take. The class will take place both in the classroom and in the field for a hands-on experience. **Cost for the Class is \$35.00.** This will include lunch and materials.



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# Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center



## Free Ice Fishing Seminar and Youth Ice Fishing Derby Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center and the Outdoors Skills Academy proudly present the second annual Free Ice Fishing Seminar and Youth Ice Fishing Contest. This family oriented event will start at 9AM at the C.T.J. Hunting and Fishing Center. We will begin the day with seminars presented by representatives from Clam Outdoors, HT Enterprises, Jaw Jacker, Vexilar Inc., as well as world famous tight-liner Dave Young, and the MDNR Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-Staff. They will be covering everything from jigs and bait, to floats, and ice safety. Also featured will be a MDNR Conservation Officer with a segment covering rules and regulations.

After the seminar concludes we will relocate from the C.T.J. Center to the ice where the hands-on lessons will continue, as well as, kicking off the Youth Fishing Contest. The Derby will run from 1PM until Dusk. The derby is open to all kids 16 and under. There will be various gifts for all derby participants, and special prizes will be awarded for the biggest, most, and first fish, for each age class.

All ages and skill levels are welcome to attend the seminar, but all gear and prizes are reserved for attendee's 16 and under. Prior registration is required by February 28<sup>th</sup> to participate in the gear giveaways. To register please email or [Register Here](#) with "March 4<sup>th</sup>" in the subject line. You must [register](#) for the event at least one week prior to the event to be included in the free gear giveaways.

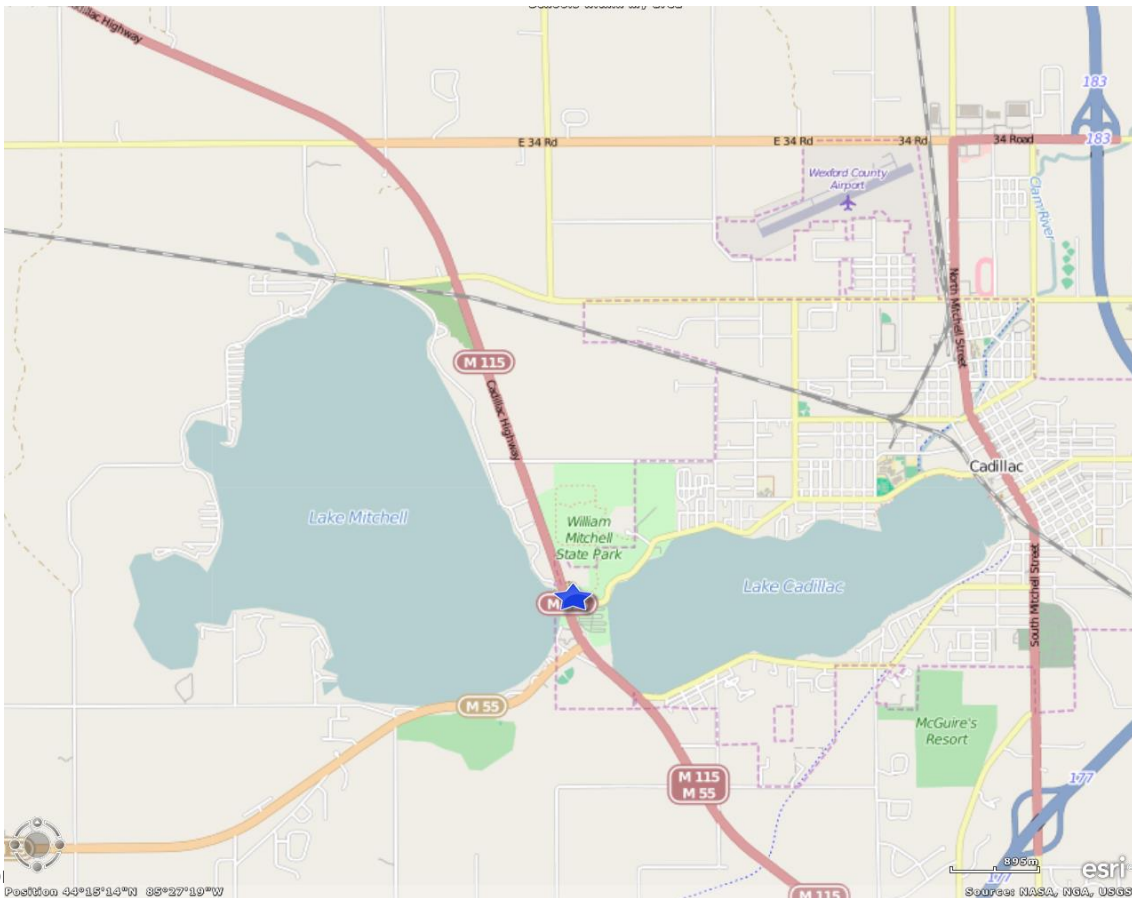


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